vii) Implementation of an Integrated Security System over all the railway stations of four metro cities *viz*. Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata & Chennai and 140 other sensitive/vulnerable railway stations of the country. The above system consists of following four broad areas-

1) IP based CCTV surveillance system.

2) Access Control

3) Personal and Baggage Screening System and

4) Bomb Detection and Disposal System

viii) RPF has been upgraded with modern weaponry/security gadgets like INSAS 5.56mm rifles, AK-47, SLR 7.62mm, Carbine 9 mm, Pistol 9mm, Bullet Proof Jackets and Helmets, Walkie-Talkie, Hand Held Metal Detectors, Door Frame Metal Detectors, etc.

(ix) It has been proposed to give commando training to 2 RPSF Battalions and deployment of trained staff at strategic locations. It has also been proposed to raise three additional Battalions of RPSF.

(d) There is no separate Head for Security purposes. Funds are made available for the procurement of Security equipments and modernization/strengthening of the Railway Protection Force from appropriate heads of account like Works Programme, Machinery & Plants (M&P) Head, Passenger Amenity Head etc. Allocation of funds for Security purposes is made as per requirement.

Proposals for railway projects in Maharashtra

694. SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals/references have been received from the State of Maharashtra from time to time for making adequate provision in railway budget for new railway line, widening of existing railway lines and doubling of existing railway lines in Maharashtra on the demand and recommendations of railway project by MPs, MLAs and MLCs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard with particular reference to attachment of Nanded railway division to Central Railway and transfer of railway land under the abandoned Lature-Harangul narrow gauge railway line to the Government of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. References have been received from State Government for providing sufficient fund for early completion of projects. As regards transfer of railway land under the abandoned Latur- Harangul narrow gauge, railway land measuring 30.36 hect. out of 39.56 hect. land has since been handed over to Government of Maharashtra.

There is no proposal under consideration to attach Nanded Railway Division with Central Railway. Moreover, the decision to place a particular division under a particular zone is taken based on the operational administrative requirements without any regional consideration. The present arrangement is working satisfactorily.